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SUBJ: SUDANESE FONMIN KHALID' S REQUEST FOR LEGAL
CONSULTANTS

1. AT MEETING WITH SECRETARY JUNE 7, FONMIN KHALID REQUESTED US ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING LEGAL RESEARCH CENTER WITHIN OFFICE OF SUDANESE ATTORNEY- GENERAL. SPECIFIC NEEDS INCLUDE TWO US LEGAL CONSULTANTS ON SHORT- TERM BASIS TO HELP SET UP CENTER, TWO OR THREE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SUDANESE MAGISTRATES TO PURSUE POST- GRADUATE LEGAL STUDIES IN US AND MATERIALS FOR CENTER, SUCH AS REFERENCE BOOKS, LEGAL REPORTS AND JOURNALS.

2. IN TELCON WITH WILLIAM IRELAN OF FORD FOUNDATION, DEPTOFF LEARNED THAT FORD PROJECT AT UNIVERSITY OF KHARTOUM' S LAW FACULTY INCLUDES THREE ELEMENTS: DIGEST AND ANALYSIS OF SUDANESE COMMON LAW; RESEARCH ON CUSTOMARY LAW OF SOUTHERN SUDAN; TRAINING PROGRAMS IN EUROPE ON CIVIL CODE. ALTHOUGH AG REQUEST AND UNIVERSITY OF KHARTOUM PRO-

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GRAM DO NOT OVERLAP, THERE ARE POSSIBLE COMPLEMENTARY ELEMENTS. IRELAN INDICATED PROJECT SUGGESTED BY FONMIN MIGHT BE ONE WHICH FORD COULD SUPPORT. HE SUGGESTED BEST CHANNEL FOR REQUEST WOULD BE FORD'S OFFICE IN CAIRO.

3. CU COULD FUND CONSULTANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS (BUT NOT LEGAL MATERIALS), PROVIDED EMBASSY AGREES WITH THIS USE OF

ITS CU FUNDS. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT FORD FUNDING WOULD BE PREFERABLE IF IT COULD BE OBTAINED BECAUSE IT WOULD KEEP CU FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR OTHER PURPOSES AND RESPOND TO ALL THREE ELEMENTS OF FONMIN REQUEST FROM ONE SOURCE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. EMBASSY DISCUSS FONMIN'S REQUEST AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, STATING THAT IN COURSE OF LOOKING INTO WAYS OF RESPONDING TO REQUEST, DEPT CONTACTED FORD FOUNDATION AND LEARNED ABOUT LEGAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITY OF KHARTOUM WHICH FORD IS ASSISTING. YOU MAY TELL GOS THAT IN RESPONSE TO DEPT'S QUERY, WILLIAM IRELAN, FORD OFFICIAL WHO WILL BE ARRIVING CAIRO ON ASSIGNMENT WITHIN NEXT THREE WEEKS, INDICATED FOUNDATION MIGHT BE PREPARED ASSIST PROJECT ALONG LINES FONMIN'S REQUEST. SUGGEST TO GOS THAT AS FIRST STEP IT CONTACT IRELAN AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN CAIRO AND INVITE HIM TO KHARTOUM TO DISCUSS PROJECT. PROPOSE THAT AFTER GOS CONTACTS IRELAN, EMBASSY AND GOS DISCUSS ADDITIONAL STEPS NEEDED TO RESPOND TO REQUEST. ROGERS

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